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TOPIC Soviet Occupation Troops in MERSEBURG

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1. About 300 troops, 25 to 30 years of age and wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were quartered in the Kliegerhorst Kaserne, MERSEBURG (M 52/D 91).
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2. a. The Flak Kaserne on Geusaerstrasse, MERSEBURG, was only lightly occupied by a rear detail of 200 to 300 troops. The troops were about 25 years of age, some of them wore the artillery insignia.
b. No heavy weapons were observed.
c. The following motor vehicles were identified:

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3. A train carrying twelve 125-mm guns and a number of smaller caliber guns with their personnel left MERSEBURG during the early morning hours of [REDACTED] going to an unknown destination.

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Comment: The report indicates that the mass of the MERSEBURG troops were still out of town for maneuvers in the second half of August 1949. Component units of the 21st Jds Meck Div are believed to have maneuvered in the EISENACH area (Kindel troop training grounds) and antiaircraft artillery units (of the 13th AAA Div. ?) at the Letzling Heath.

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